

March 31, 2003

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Ms. Carol Sureau
Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs
Office of the Insurance Commissioner
State of Washington
P.O. Box 40255
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Re: OIC Docket No. G02-45
In re Premera Blue Cross and Affiliates

Dear Deputy Commissioner Sureau:

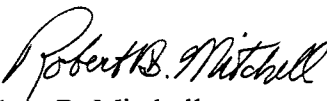
We have reviewed the OIC Staff's Response to Motion for Leave to Intervene of Consortium of Northwest Law Schools ("Consortium Motion"). Premera supports the OIC Staff's conclusion that the Consortium Motion should be denied.

As we noted in our letter of March 20, 2003, if the Commissioner intends to consider the Consortium Motion, Premera would like the opportunity to respond in opposition. In that event, please advise us as to the date when our brief in opposition would be due.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

PRESTON GATES & ELLIS LLP

By 
Robert B. Mitchell

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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In the Matter of the Application
Regarding the Conversion and
Acquisition of Control of Premera Blue
Cross and its Affiliates

No. G02-45

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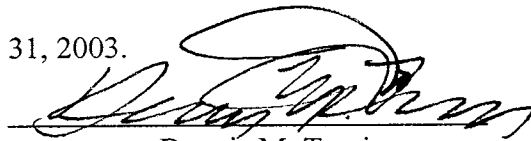
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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this Monday, March 31, 2003.


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